

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §§ 371 national phase conversion of PCT/FR03/003324, filed 6 November 2003, which claims priority of French Application No. 02/14471, filed 19 November 2002. The PCT International Application was published in the French language.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an offshore installation for transferring a liquefied gas, especially liquefied natural gas, ~~as described in the preamble of claim 1~~ particularly from one tank to another tank via a submerged transfer line.

Please insert the following section heading at page 3, line 25:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For this purpose, the subject of the invention is an installation of the aforementioned type[[,]] having a transfer line with a rigid substantially horizontal main section jointed by vertical sections to the tanks and the main section being in a water layer region with low dynamic forces. The transfer line has an annular space containing thermal insulation ~~characterized by the features of claim 1.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to other embodiments, the installation includes ~~one or more of the~~ other features described below ~~of the dependent claims 2 to 13.~~

Please insert the following section heading at page 4, line 5:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Please insert the following section heading at page 4, line 12:

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT